

AGENDA



Thursday, December 18, 2008

Law
RECOMMENDATION FOR COUNCIL ACTION**Item No. 28**

Subject: Authorize negotiation and execution of an amendment to an outside legal contract with Jackson Walker L.L.P. for legal services related to the City's request for proposals regarding a new customer information system in an amount not to exceed \$40,000, for a total contract amount not to exceed \$75,000.

Amount and Source of Funding: Funding in the amount of \$40,000 is available in the Fiscal-Year 2008-09 Operating Budget of Austin Energy.

Fiscal Note: There is no unanticipated fiscal impact. A fiscal note is not required.

For More Information: Andy Perny, Assistant City Attorney, 322-6277.

This action will authorize an increase in the amount of the outside counsel contract with Jackson Walker L.L.P. regarding that firm's provision of legal services in the negotiation of a potential new Customer Information System (CIS) at Austin Energy. This contract was originally executed in November of 2007 in anticipation of the eventual issuance of a request for proposal for a new CIS. The original contract amount was executed for \$35,000 under the City Manager's administrative authority. Due to unforeseen complexities and concerns that have arisen since the proposals have been received, it is necessary to increase the contract amount by \$40,000, for a total amount of \$75,000, to ensure sufficient funds for the duration of negotiations.